



Dale R. Longacre

July 23, 1945 – Sept. 15, 2021

Dale R. Longacre, 76, of Galien, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, at his residence in Galien.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Swem Chapel, 301 W. Front St., Buchanan. Burial will follow at the Galien Township Cemetery with full military honors rendered by the Buchanan American Legion and the United States Army. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Galien Township Public Library, Galien River Church or Fernwood Botanical Gardens. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.swemchapel.com.

Dale was born July 23, 1945, in Benton Harbor, to Dale F. and Ebba E. (Erickson) Longacre.

He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1963.

Dale proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1964-67. After being honorably discharged from the military, he attended Michigan State University where he earned his bachelor of science degree in criminal justice in 1971.

On July 29, 1972, he married the love of his life, Kay Dalrymple in Galien.

Dale was an honest, dedicated and hardworking man. He worked as the chief of police for the Galien Village Police Department for 39 years, while also working in quality control at Nylen



Products and then later Supreme Castings.

Dale was a member of the Galien American Legion, the Berrien Birding Group, and Fernwood Botanical Garden where he also volunteered. Dale previously served as the vice president of the Galien Neighborhood Watch.

Some of Dale's proudest adventures were when he got to travel to Russia and Hungary and then later to China and Hong Kong with his wife. These trips were part of an educational exchange that his wife, Kay, was invited to participate in through the People to People Citizen Ambassador Group. In his spare time, Dale enjoyed reading, being in nature, and playing with his grandson, Bradley. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, the best dad, and nothing less than wonderful.

Dale is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kay (Dalrymple) Longacre; daughter, April (Nathan) Greenlee; sisters: Sandra (Michael) Hettig, Diane Ruth, Laurie Mayes; brothers-in-law: Terry Dalrymple, Darrel McGrath and Richard Schalon; and sister-in-law, Carolyn Smith; as well as his grandson, Bradley Greenlee.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Dale F. and Ebba E. Longacre; siblings: David (Sharon) Longacre, Joanne McGrath, Marlene Schalon, Roger Longacre and Shirley (Loren) Vachon; and sister-in-law, Carol Dalrymple.